

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) An electric lamp comprising:

a lamp vessel (1) closed in a gastight manner and provided with an illumination source (2),

a central current-supply conductor (3) and a side current-supply conductor (4) issuing from the lamp vessel (1),

a lamp base (5) for providing a mechanical connection of the lamp vessel (1) and for providing a mechanical and electrical connection of the central current-supply conductor (3) and the side current-supply conductor (4),

the lamp base (5) being provided with a notch (6) for passing through the side current-supply conductor (3) at a side facing the lamp vessel (1),

the side current-supply conductor (4) being provided with a coagulated droplet (7) of material of the side current-supply conductor (4) at a side facing away from the lamp base (5).

2. (original) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 1,

characterized in that the coagulated droplet (7) is in contact with the lamp base (5).

3. (currently amended) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the coagulated droplet (7) is made by laser heating of a portion of the side current-supply conductor (4) issuing from the notch (6) in the lamp base (5).

4. (currently amended) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the side current-supply conductor (4) is made from monel wire.

5. (currently amended) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the lamp base (5) is made of aluminum.

6. (currently amended) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the side current-supply conductor (4) is in clamping engagement with the notch (6) in the lamp base (5).

7. (currently amended) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the notch (6) in the lamp base (5) is wedge-shaped.

8. (currently amended) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the notch (6) is provided in the lamp base (5) by means of laser cutting.

9. (currently amended) A lamp base (5) for use in an electric lamp as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~-2.